THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI K. K. TEWARI): (a) and (b) No such decision has been taken by the Government.

Wood-based industries in U.P.

1222. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of wood-based industries so far set up in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that some of these industries are facing difficulties due to shortage of raw material; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to ease the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) 4 units have been set up and are functioning in the Organised Sector.

(b) Government have no information.

(c) Does not arise.

Sick and closed industries in Uttar Pradesh

1223. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state.

(a) what is the total number of sick and closed industrial units in Uttar Pradesh at present;

(b) whether Government have any plan to help reopen these industries; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Information regarding the sick and closed industrial units in the country is not maintained centrally in this Ministry. Information on closures of industrial units due to reasons other than industrial disputes such as scarcity of raw material, power shortage, break-down of machinery, lack of demands etc. is available in the Labour Bureau. According to the latest provisional returns received in the Labour Bureau, the number of closures in Uttar Pradesh was 17 during 1984, 14 during 1985 and 2 during 1986 (upto May).

(b) and (c) The Central Government have laid down policy guidelines in October 1981 for the guidance of Ministries/Departments of the Government, banks and financial institutions for revival and rehabilitation of sick units, the salient features of which have been furnished in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 700 on 15-7-1982.

No industry district in Madhya Pradesh

1224. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of 'no-industry' districts in Madhya Pradesh and what are their names;

(b) what are the proposals under consideration of the Central Government for setting up big and small scale industries in 'no-industry' districts in Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) by when a decision in the matter is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) There are eighteen 'No-Industry Districts' in the State of Madhya Pradesh viz. Balaghat, Bhind, Chhatarpur, Chhindwara, Damoh, Datia, Dhar, Guna, Jhabua, Mandla, Narsinhapur, Panna, Seoni, Rajgarh, Shivpuri, Sidhi, Surguja, and Tikamgarh.

(b) and (c) Industrialisation of specific districts is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments concerned. However, the Central Government supplements their efforts by providing various concessions/incentives for encouraging